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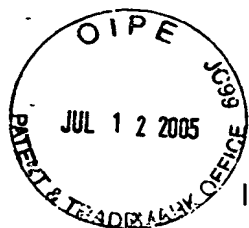
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I, Helmut Fritz, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Kreuzstraße 11, 83624 Otterfing, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed International Search Report and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

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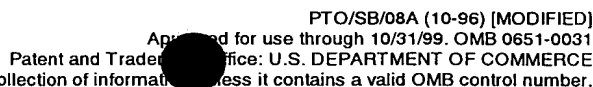
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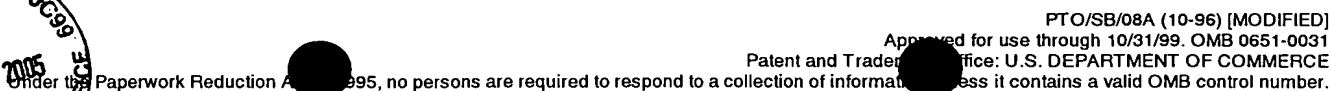
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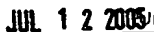
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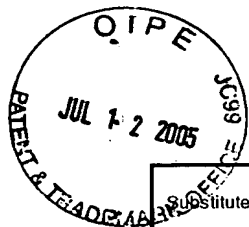
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